MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, October 25, 2018 5:00PM
Morongo Basin Transit Center
62405 Verbena Road
Joshua Tree, CA 92252

ACTION MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Abel called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Chairman Abel led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL - On call of the roll the following Board Members were present:
Ellen Jackman, Robert Leone, Mark Lundquist, Daniel L. Mintz, Ben Sasnett, McArthur Wright and Merl Abel

2.0 SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Employee of the 3rd Quarter

Matthew Atkins, Operations Manager, presented Gary Cooper with Employee of the Quarter. Gary has excelled in every route he has driven and was one of the first JTNP drivers. He works hard and provides excellent customer service. Gary shared that he used to drive a school bus when another driver encouraged him to apply for a job with MBTA and he found out himself how great it was at MBTA. He loved the management team and how they treated everyone with respect.

3.0 CLOSED SESSION

NONE

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Minutes of the September 27, 2018 Board Meeting

5.2 Treasurer's Report for August 2018

5.3 Warrant Register through September 30, 2018

5.4 Ridership Reports

5.5 Financial Reports

5.6 Administration Report

5.7 Operations Report

5.8 Can-A-Ride Day on November 15, 2018

ACTIONS: Board Member Leone moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 5.1 through 5.8); seconded by Board Member Mintz: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

6.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PARTICIPATION AND/OR ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

NONE

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 New Website Presentation

Matt Atkins, Operations Manager, demonstrated the new mbtabus.com website, highlighting the new Trip Planner and Interactive map features.

8.2 RoadRunner Shuttle Year 2 Service Adjustments

Matt Atkins, Operations Manager, informed the Board of the changes to the second pilot term for the Joshua Tree National Park RoadRunner Shuttle, specifically that it would begin on November 2 with an entrance into the park from Twentynine Palms each hour and a shuttle at each stop within the park every 30 minutes.

8.3 Report on Procurement Program

Joe Meer, Director of Cooperative Purchasing and Grants, provided background on the Procurement, a financial update, why other agencies use the contract and current activities. He also shared significant changes to be made within the contract in 2019, such as the NHTSA rules on seatbelts which would modify weights and floor plans of buses and ZEB rules which would mean all buses would need to be electric eventually.

8.4 Transportation Assistance Grant (TAG) Awards

Joe Meer, Director of Cooperative Purchasing and Grants, brought forward a recommendation from the TAG Committee of applications that deemed complimentary to MBTA's service.

Board Member Mintz added that the discretionary allotment recommended was to allow Mark Goodale to provide complimentary passes to the new County Homeless Shelter.

Board Member Lundquist explained the new County Homeless Shelter would be a drop in and would have computer banks to help people apply for jobs and such. The bus passes would be used to get people from Yucca Valley area and the Twentynine Palms area to the shelter.

ACTION: Board Member Mintz moved to approve the TAG awards as presented; seconded by Board Member Wright: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

8.5 Revisions to FY19 Budgets and Transit Operating, Capital Plan

Mark Goodale, General Manager, explained the revised Transit Claim was due to an increase in STA funding for the Short Range Transit Plan and an increase in SB 1 funding for Bus Stop Lighting.

There were no public comments.

ACTION: Board Member Sasnett moved to approve revisions to FY19 Budget and Transit Operating and Capital Plan and authorized MBTA to submit the Transit Claim; seconded by Board Member Jackman: passed by Roll Call Vote (7-0).

9.0 GENERAL MANAGER UPDATE

There were no additional items to report.

10.0 FUTURE BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

NONE

11.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member Sasnett congratulated Gary on Employee of the Quarter and the fine work staff did on the website.

Board Member Jackman thought the website looked great and user friendly and she appreciated the pictures of the bus builds that were in the board packet. She also congratulated staff on completing the classroom training for the new hires.

Board Member Mintz reported to the City Council how large the scope of MBTA was and how few people show to complain or request service which was a compliment to staff. It was good to hear that another employee recommended to come work here which also speaks volumes for the organization.

Board Member Leone was sorry he missed the BBQ, congratulated Mark on the good job done on the website, and it sounded like Gary liked his job and how it was a very important job. He also announced it would be his last meeting and his history of being on the Board was very endearing.

Board Member Lundquist shared his two favorite meetings were the Employee of the Quarters and especially the TAG awards. He was glad to see it was fully funded.

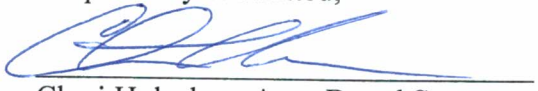
Board Member Wright congratulated Gary on Employee of the Quarter. The BBQ for the employee appreciation was great and he was able to be there with the excited new drivers. He gave kudos to the website.

Chairman Abel thanked Board Member Leone for being on the Board and was thankful to him for encouraging him to join the MBTA Board.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08pm Thursday, October 25, 2018 at the MBTA Operations Center.

Respectfully submitted,



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